



# CITY OF HOUSTON MUNICIPAL COURTS SCHEDULE OF FINES

(Effective January 2014)

Fine amounts include all Court costs as mandated by the State legislature.  
**(FINE AMOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

***For Fine Amounts not listed call:***  
311 / (713) 837-0311

***For the Hearing Impaired call:***  
(713) 247-8591 for (TDD) access

## **SPEEDING VIOLATIONS:**

<u>M.P.H. OVER LIMIT</u>	<u>SPEEDING: POSTED ZONE</u>	<u>SPEEDING: SCHOOL ZONE</u>	<u>SPEEDING: CONSTRUCTION ZONE (workers present)</u>
1 - 5 m.p.h.	\$194	\$224	\$239
6 - 9 m.p.h.	\$204	\$244	\$264
10 - 14 m.p.h.	\$229	\$259	\$299
15 - 19 m.p.h.	\$254	\$279	\$384
20 - 29 m.p.h.	\$279	\$304	\$434
30 or more m.p.h.	\$304	\$329	\$504

## **VIOLATIONS: NO ACCIDENT INVOLVED:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
Change Lanes Not in Safety	\$199
Driving at Night Without Lights	\$189
Failure to Establish Financial Responsibility	\$279
Failure to Obey Must Turn Sign/Signal	\$184
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	\$204
HOV Lane Violations	\$179
No Registration Receipt for Commercial Truck/Trailer	\$159
No Driver's License	\$209
Running a Red Light or a Stop Sign	\$239

**VIOLATIONS: ACCIDENT INVOLVED:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
All Moving Violations with Accident	\$279

**SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
Seat Belt- Adult	\$154
Seat Belt- Adult ( <i>Commercial Vehicle</i> )	\$176
Seat Belt- Child/Safety Seat	\$204

**MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS:**

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u>
As Parent/Guardian Allow Minor to Violate Curfew Hours	\$244
Consumption of Alcohol on Unlicensed Premises	\$234
Disorderly Conduct/Abusive Language or Threat	\$324
Failure to Appear in Court	\$234
Failure to Possess Paid Fare Public Transportation ( <i>Self</i> )	\$189
Failure to Possess Paid Fare Public Transportation ( <i>Dependent</i> )	\$189
Fighting in a Public Place	\$324
Misdemeanor Assault	\$329
Misdemeanor Theft	\$329
Noise in Public or Private ( <i>City Ordinance</i> )	\$259
Open Container of Alcohol in Motor Vehicle	\$274
Peddlers Ordinance: Selling Goods Without Vendor License	\$199
Possession of Fireworks	\$821
Public Intoxication	\$264
Sign Ordinance Violation	\$489
Urinate/Defecate in a Public Place	\$209

### **ANIMAL VIOLATIONS:**

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u></b>
Failure to Surrender Rabid Animal to Health Officer	\$574
Failure to Vaccinate Dog/Cat	\$114
No Dog/Cat License	\$114
Operate Kennel Without a License	\$259
Other Animal Violations	\$114

### **FOOD ESTABLISHMENT VIOLATIONS:**

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u></b>
Failure to Control Insects/Rodents	\$284
Failure to Display Permit	\$574
Failure to Keep Food Free From Contamination	\$379
Food at Improper Temperature	\$379
Make Ice in Unapproved Ice Machine	\$284
No Food Dealers Permit	\$574

### **BUILDING CODE/LITTER VIOLATIONS:**

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u></b>
Accumulation of Weeds, Brush or Rubbish	\$329
Allow Trash to Remain at Curbside Prior to Schedule	\$249
Deposit Litter Unlawfully	\$244
Failure to Obtain Certificate of Occupancy	\$859
Failure to Obtain Uncompacted Combustible Waste Permit	\$821
Failure as Owner/Occupant to Remove Trees/Building Materials	\$379

**VIOLATIONS THAT MAY BE DISMISSED WITH PROOF OF COMPLIANCE:**

See Court's webpage on dismissal of violations by post-compliance action:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/courts/TicketDismissal.html>

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL WINDOW FINE</u></b>
Defective Equipment Violations (n/a for Commercial Vehicle)	\$134
Driver's License Restriction Code Violation (No Corrective Lenses) (Code "A")	\$221
Failure to Change Address on Drivers License	\$109
No Auto Liability Insurance (1 <sup>st</sup> Offense)	\$279
No Auto Liability Insurance (2 <sup>nd</sup> /Subsequent Offenses) **	\$502
No Drivers License (includes no motorcycle endorsement)	\$219
No Vehicle Inspection Sticker (n/a for Commercial Vehicle)	\$134
No Vehicle Registration (n/a for Commercial Vehicle)	\$134

**\*\* A second or subsequent conviction of an offense under the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act for no liability insurance will result in the suspension of your Driver's License and denial of automobile registration unless you file and maintain proof of financial responsibility with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for two years from the date of conviction. DPS may waive the requirement to file proof of financial responsibility if you submit satisfactory evidence with DPS reflecting that at the time the citation was issued, the vehicle was covered by a valid liability insurance policy, or that you were otherwise exempt from the requirement to provide evidence of financial responsibility.**

## **POINTS ASSESSED:**

A conviction of an offense under a traffic law of this State or a political subdivision of this State may result in the assessment of a surcharge on your driver's license under the Driver Responsibility Program.

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>POINTS ASSESSED</u> (per event)</b>
Driver's License Restriction Violations	2 points
Moving Violation ( <i>Accident</i> )	3 points
Moving Violation ( <i>Non-Accident</i> ): - State Law Violation - Ordinance Violation	2 points 0 points
Open Container ( <i>Driver</i> )	2 points
Safety Belt Violation ( <i>Non CDL</i> )	0 points
Speeding- 10% or More Over the Speed Limit	2 points
Speeding in a School Zone	2 points

## **DPS SURCHARGES:**

<b><u>VIOLATION</u></b>	<b><u>SURCHARGES ASSESSED</u></b>
Failure to Establish Financial Responsibility	\$250/year x 3 years
No Valid Driver's License	\$100/year x 3 years
Too Many Points (6 points or more in 36 month period)	\$100 + \$25 (for each point above 6)

***NOTE: Failure to pay surcharge(s) or failure to timely enter into an installment payment agreement with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will result in SUSPENSION of your Driver's License until the surcharge(s) and any related costs have been paid in full.***